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retical discussions. In the discussion of the causes of the glacial period, too, mention at least should have been made of the pendulation theory, while it is strange that in the treatment of the Upper Cretaceous of Saxony, Hettner's work is not mentioned. As an example for submarine river beds, the classical one of the Hudson ought not to be omitted (p. 611).

It is hard to understand that such an eminent scientist as Professor Kayser should have fallen a victim to the anglophobia of a clique of German geographers who have undertaken to reform the spelling of English proper names in accordance with the rules of German orthography to such a degree as continuously to spell the Empire City *Neuyork*. But the situation is not without its humor when one notices, on the other hand, that he as tenaciously clings to the use of the English common noun *bed* unchanged and untranslated where every German whose Sprachgefühl is not yet infected by the patriotic spelling-bacillus would simply say *Bett,* or *Schicht.* M. K. GENTHE.

The History of the Telephone. By Herbert N. Casson. vii and 315 pp., and illustrations. A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, 1910.

The complete story of the telephone is well told in these pages. For some years after Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's great discovery the new-born art of telephoning was neglected and ridiculed. To-day 3,0000,000 telephones are scattered abroad in foreign countries and 7,000,000 are operated here, where the new art was born.

NEW MAPS

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MAPS

TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY SHEETS:

California: Wheatland Quadrangle, 1:31,680. Contour interval, 5 ft.

Colorado: Leadville Special Map, 1:9,600. Interval, 25 ft.

Indiana: Clay City Quad., 1:62,500. Interval, 20 ft.

New Mexico: Fort Bayard Special Map, 1:12,000. Interval, 10 ft.

Oklahoma: McComb Quad., 1:62,500. Interval, 20 ft.

Washington: Mt. Vernon Quad., 1:125,000. Interval, 50 ft.; Quincy Quad., 1:62,500. Interval, 25 ft.; Winchester Quad., 1:62,500. Interval, 25 ft.; Red Rock Quad., 1:62,500. Interval, 25 ft.

Washington-Idaho: Pullman Quad., 1:125,000. Interval, 50 ft.

West Virginia: Sutton Special Quad., 1:62,500. Interval, 50 ft.

Wisconsin: Fond du Lac Quad., 1:62,500. Interval, 10 ft.; Neenah Quad., 1:62,500. Interval, 10 ft.

UNITED STATES. Topographic and Geologic Index Map showing Progress in Surveying and Engraving. Topographic Maps and Publishing Geologic Folios to Jan. 1, 1911. 3 sheets. 1:2,500,000 = 39.46 miles to an inch. 3 colors. Washington, 1910. [Unsurveyed areas white. 5 colored symbols used for areas surveyed: (1) maps not yet engraved, (2) maps engraved and published, (3) geologic folios in course of publication, (4) maps engraved, geologic folios published, (5) miscellaneous surveys.]

ALASKA. (a) Map showing relation of Alaska Coal Fields to Transportation Routes. 1 inch = 170 miles; (b) Reconnaissance Map of S. W. Part of Kenai Peninsula. 1 inch = 12 miles. [Shows distribution of gold, copper chronic